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1. LUIS GONZALES POSADA HAS WRITTEN A THIRD COLUMN ON U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS, APPEARING IN JULY 12 GOVERNMENT-OWNED NUEVA CRONICA. JULY 10 COLUMN REVIEWED IN REFTEL, JULY 11 WAS REHASH, THIRD COLUMN HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW:

2. "FOR HENRY KISSINGER, IT WOULD BE A REAL DIPLOMATIC VICTORY, MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN THOSE HE HAS ACHIEVED IN MOSCOW, PEKING AND THE MIDDLE EAST, IF HE WERE ABLE TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS WITH THE HAVANA GOVERNMENT."

3. AFTER REVIEWING CUBAN SUFFERINGS, GONZALES CONTINUES, THE PRIME MINISTER OF CUBA HAS STATED REPEATEDLY THAT HE WOULD ONLY AGREE TO DEAL OFFICIALLY WITH THE U.S. IF PREVIOUSLY THE U.S. UNDERTAKES TO LIFT OAS SANCTIONS. THIS IS THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S FIRST PROBLEM BECAUSE THE BLOCKADE HAS ALREADY BEEN LIFTED BY MANY LATIN AMERICAN STATES. THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST BARRIER BECAUSE OTHER PROBLEMS WILL HAVE TO BE RESOLVED, SUCH AS GUANTANAMO.

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4. HOLT'S TRIP "MUST BE DESIGNED TO SOUND OUT THE CUBANS"

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ABOUT THESE POINTS. THIS SHOWS AN AMERICAN WILLINGNESS TO
RE-DEFINE ITS TRADITIONAL LINE AND "REFLECTS FOR THE FIRST TIME
IN 15 YEARS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON HAS RECOGNIZED,
DE FACTO, THE EXISTENCE OF A SOCIALIST CUBA; HOLT, IN FACT,
HAS TRAVELED HEADING AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION ON BEHALF OF
WILLIAM FULBRIGHT."
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